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MOMENTOUS 1919 WILL BE WELCOMED IN GREAT REVELRY

With Wartime Dampness on Hilarity Lifted, Throngs of Merry-makers Will Gather to Celebrate Passing of Eventful Year, 1918; Many Flock to New York for Big Night; Strike Threatens to Interfere in Fun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Notwithstanding the gloom given by the mayor in his 1918 year-end message, the spirit of the city is not at all gloomy. The celebration of the passing of the eventful year, 1918, is being celebrated in some of the big hotels and restaurants were threatened with failure, when the International Federation of Hotel Employees announced this afternoon that 1500 waiters had gone on strike and that 5000 more would be called out at a "psychological moment" tonight, unless the proprietors meet their demands for higher wages.

One of the greatest throngs of merry-makers in New York's history will assemble tonight to speed the eventful year of 1918 and welcome the new year, 1919, in hotel and restaurant mansions. The celebration continues to pour in.

With the war time dampness on hilarity lifted, prospective celebrators are flocking into the city from all parts of the country, intent on "making up" for the solemnity of last New Year's day. According to hotel men, most of the visitors are residents of "dry" states.

Handing in Chicago. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—A revelry of New Year's eve in Chicago promises to be celebrated by a test of strength between several of the downtown hostilities and members of the police and waiters' union, now on strike. The strikers' union has declared that it would not assist in serving patrons at three of the largest hotels and that a state law would be invoked if the hotel men kept their promise to fill the place of the striking waiters with women. The law prohibits women from serving intoxicating drinks.

To Celebrate in Paris. Paris, France, Dec. 31.—An American peace delegation will hold a New Year's celebration at the Hotel de Ville.

America's War Government Costs 18 Billions in Year; War Has Cost 24 Billions

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—It cost the American people about \$18,148,000,000 to run its expensive war government and make loans to allies in the year ending today, according to computations from treasury reports.

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German And Russian Bolsheviks Want War To Go On Until Ruined World Lapses Into Total Anarchy

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 31.—In Germany, as in Russia, the course of events following the downfall of the autocracy has tended to strengthen the extremist or Bolshevik party. The German Bolsheviks, under the famous Karl Liebknecht, are known as the Spartacist group. These dreaded revolutionaries are a mystery to the outside world, because first the Kaiser's government and later the Socialists government that succeeded to power have done their best to minimize and conceal the threatening extent of the Bolshevik agitation.

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ALLIES TIGHTEN GRIP IN FAR EAST; HOPEFUL NEWS COMES FROM RUSSIA

SEVERAL SPEEDS THAT THE FACE OF THE RUSSIAN DEBATE HAS BEEN CHANGED BY THE ENEMY'S POSITION IN SILESIA

Entente Troops Have Situation Well in Hand; Volunteer Army and French Force Reported Advancing From Rumania Toward Kiev; Attitude of Moscow Peasants Alarms Lenin Government.

Envoys Say U. S. Idea Of World League Differs From His Conception.

BOLSHEVISM GETS CONSIDERATION

American Delegates Are Watching the Situation in Poland and Estonia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Favorable reports on the situation in the Archangel region of Russia where some unofficial accounts have pictured the north Russian, allied and American forces as facing destruction at the hands of Bolsheviks in overwhelming numbers, have been given to the state department by G. Martineau, representative here of the Archangel government.

It was officially stated today that Mr. Martineau had conferred with acting secretary Polk, and that his information showed the situation well in hand from the viewpoint of the allies.

According to these reports, the Bolsheviks are not in a position to make good use of their artillery and rapid fire guns, but they have no stomach for fighting that does not keep them at a distance from their opponents.

Reports, exaggerated, Mr. Polk said the department had no information to bear out the report, referred to in the senate yesterday, that American soldiers in the Archangel region were sleeping in swamps and were without proper clothing for the Arctic climate. He intimated that reports of such hardships sustained by American troops in the Archangel region probably were greatly exaggerated.

Advancing on Kiev. Constantinople, Turkey, Dec. 31.—(Associated Press.)—A volunteer army and a French force are advancing from Rumania through Bessarabia toward Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, according to a report from Odessa received here.

The advancing forces, the report says, are in gaining control of the railroad between Kiev and Odessa from the republicans and separatist forces in the Ukraine.

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Wilson Leaves Britain, Pleased With Results of His Visit There

Feels That Great Progress Was Made in London Toward Achievement of His Peace Ideals; Party Sails From Dover for Calais at 11:20 a. m. Tuesday; Royal Family Bids Farewell to Wilsons.

DOVER, Eng., Dec. 31.—President Wilson and his party sailed from Dover for Calais at 11:20 o'clock this morning.

The presidential train reached Dover at 11 o'clock and little time was lost in boarding the steamer Brighton, which set out almost immediately on the cross-channel trip.

The morning was cold and raw with a sharp east wind whipping the channel into white caps, indicating that the crossing was likely to be a rough one.

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson remained on the bridge of the Brighton until the steamer left her pier.

They smiled and waved farewell to those on shore, while the band played the Star Spangled Banner. The president was received here by commander Boyle, secretary to vice admiral Sir Roger Keyes, admiral Keyes being indisposed and unable to attend in person.

In Receiving Party. Others in the receiving party were rear admiral Cecil P. Dampshire; Maj. Gen. J. C. Colson Mackenzie; and the marquis of Camden. They accompanied the presidential party to the pier, where president Wilson shook hands all around and expressed his appreciation for the arrangements made for his reception.

As the Brighton passed out of the harbor, her naval escort took positions on either side, accompanying her to mid-channel, where French destroyers took over the covering.

As the president was leaving England, he telegraphed king George a message expressing deep appreciation of his entertainment.

Whispers to Friends, but Talks Aloud to Animals. Popular bluff, Mo., Dec. 31.—W. H. Hilton, living near Crane, Mo., lost his voice two years ago as the result of a severe case of whooping cough. He is able to speak audibly and even sing in a low, hoarse voice, but can only whisper when conversing with his friends. Mr. Hilton, who is 65 years old, is in perfect health and his case has puzzled physicians.

Wilson Has First Pay Day Outside of U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—President Wilson today had his first pay day outside of the limits of the United States and the treasury department, according to his credit, probably was the first presidential pay check ever endorsed by any one other than the chief executive.

When the president left the country he designated N. P. Webster, disbursing clerk at the white house, as his "attorney in fact" and Mr. Webster today received the warrant, endorsed it with Mr. Wilson's name, then signed it as attorney, and deposited the warrant in bank to the president's credit.

In this country and wishing the English people a happy New Year, the president returns to France, where that great progress has been made toward the achievement of his peace ideals.

On the trip to Dover, president Wilson's speech was discussed among the Americans. No expression, however, was forthcoming to give any clue as to president Wilson's feeling regarding it.

Leave London For France. London, Eng., Dec. 31.—President Wilson left Victoria station at 9:15 a. m. for Dover, where he will spend the night.

King George and queen Mary and the duke of Connaught accompanied Mrs. Wilson to the station. Premier Lloyd George was on the platform and saw the president and his wife as they boarded the train.

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Murder and Pillage Occur In the District; Strikers Menace Employers.

17 BAVARIAN LEADERS HELD

Arrests in Munich Cause Sensation; Aim to Attack Institutions Charged.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 31.—Bolshevism broke out in German Silesia Saturday, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Express. Miners on strike, under menace of loaded rifles, have compelled their employers to sign "all sorts of documents," the dispatch says.

There has been murdering and pillaging in the affected region. Silesia has been declared a Bolshevik republic.

Field marshal von Hindenburg has telegraphed to German industrial magnates, saying that he would support British occupation of Berlin, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Mail.

Prominent Men Arrested. Munich, Germany, Dec. 31.—(Associated Press.)—Seventeen prominent men, including a non-Bavarian duke, were arrested here Sunday evening. The arrests caused the greatest sensation experienced by this city since the revolution.

The men were at one of the largest hotels in Munich and were engaged in a conference when the officers arrived.

They say they were arranging for the re-arming of citizens' militia, but the police accused them of planning an attack on existing institutions.

All but two of the men were later released. These were a publisher, who is accused of distributing arms, and a banker, who is accused of the crime listed in the alleged plot.

Men Violently Suspected. The incident occupied the attention of the Bavarian soldiers and workmen's council, which began meeting yesterday. Herr Auer, minister of the interior, was also busy trying to form a force of citizen militia, says a dispatch from Munich.

Violence was threatened for New Year's eve.

Herr Auer, speaking before the soldiers' and workmen's council, declared the plan to rally citizens' militia and reminded the delegates that on the night of December 8, when he was attacked and forced to resign, he received no protection from the police or any existing military organization.

Herr Auer's speech was declared void by the Bavarian cabinet and he continued in office.

Blame Opposes Effect. Paris, France, Dec. 31.—(Havas.)—Kurt Eisner, premier of Bavaria, has sided with the independent Socialists and Premier Clemenceau, German premier, according to dispatches to the Petit Parisien.

Loeb Declines To Serve. Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 31.—Herr Loeb, whose appointment to a place in the cabinet was announced by the Danish government, has declined to serve, according to the official statement published in Berlin.

Reade Independent Socialists. Berlin, Germany, Dec. 31.—The congress of the Spartacus group, which is in session in Berlin, has adopted a resolution declaring that no reliable socialist must have anything to do with the independent Socialists. It was resolved also that new party should be formed using the title "the communist labor party of the German Spartacus band."

The congress was addressed in the name of the Russian soviet by M. Kadek, head of the present Bolshevik mission in Berlin.

UP TO ALLIES TO DISPOSE
OF 1,000,000 RUSS RUBLES
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—One billion rubles in bank notes, printed by the Russian government, are being held at Vladivostok awaiting a decision by the Japanese, British, French and United States governments as to their disposition.

News of the transport's arrival came in an Associated Press dispatch last night. The notes were ordered by a Russian bank some time ago, but were not delivered until now.

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TO PARLIAMENT, IS ALREADY FREED

British Government Decides on Virtually Immediate Release of All of the Sinn Feiners, Who Are So Strong in Ireland, Interned in Great Britain; First Favored Under New Order Has Secured Freedom.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 31.—The release of all the Sinn Feiners interned in England is expected virtually at once. Count Plunkett, one of the Sinn Feiners elected to parliament in the recent balloting, already has been released.

In the recent British elections, the victory of the Sinn Feiners in Ireland was sweeping, only seven members of the old Nationalist party escaping defeat. A summary of the election results showed that the Sinn Fein faction won 73 seats in the new parliament.

Wilson Considers Clemenceau's Speech Attacks His Own Views
Depends on Britain's Aid to Put Through Plan for League of Nations as Against French Idea Which Favors Special Alliance; Clemenceau Also Points Out That America Was Late in Coming in.

By DAVID LAWRENCE
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 31.—President Wilson has come here from the liberal atmosphere of Manchester, where his proclamation of America's purpose to enter into no combination of powers except in one including all nations aroused tremendous enthusiasm; when there stood him in the face the headlines of the London newspapers chronicling premier Clemenceau's speech in the chamber of deputies in Paris taking definite issue with Mr. Wilson and urging a special alliance between Great Britain, America, Italy and France.

Mr. Wilson has been repeatedly rebuked by the French press for the old system in Europe was a balance of power and alliances, and for his new system of a league of nations was a balance of power and alliances.

There is good reason to believe that this point has been cleared since Mr. Wilson's visit to London. The French press is no longer so dependent on the arbitrary action of any one nation as it was before the war.

Understandably the strongest support will come from England and it is not unlikely that the two English-speaking democracies with similar language, ideals and standards, will find themselves standing together in the effort to make a league of nations a reality.

Will England Join France? The French view, as unfolded to me in high quarters, is that the security of France must be guaranteed and the lesson of the past favors special military and naval understandings with Great Britain, America, France and Italy.

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Because We Live Out Here In The Big Free West, Let's Be Happy This New Year